



ST JOSEPH'S
CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Friday 10th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Well that was an interesting morning wasn't it!

When a decision was made at 7am to remain open access to the school at this time was possible, however the heavens had other ideas and it snowed very heavily as teaching staff were trying to get into school and send the minibuses out. Unfortunately, this led to inevitable delays but we got there in the end. Thank you to the kind members of the community who also helped staff get up the bank on Rosecroft Lane which proved as difficult, if not worse, than Loftus bank. We have got in touch with the council to see if this road can be gritted as more of a priority due to the fact that our lovely school is at the top of the hill. We will always communicate updates of this nature through Arbor and Marvellous Me.

Thank you to the staff who all managed to get into school today, their efforts have been rewarded with a great day of teaching with some snow fun too!!

World Book Day St Joseph's Celebration-Wednesday 8th March

What a triumph this was and the children all looked amazing. Check the school Facebook page if you do not believe me.

Lent stay & pray session

- Tuesday 14th March at 2.30pm Year 1 and Year 2
- Wednesday 22nd March at 2.30pm Year 3 and Year 4

Parent's Evening for all classes except Y1 Monday 27th March and Tuesday 28th March 3.30-5.30pm

Bookings are now live on the Arbor site for all parents to see the class teachers on either Monday or Tuesday evening. Mrs Fleming has been called for Jury service so will not be available on those evenings so Y1 parents Evening will be the first week back after Easter, week beginning 17th April 2023.

Easter Production by Year 3 and Year 4

We will return to the tradition of Year 3 and Year 4 taking part in an Easter production at the end of this term. The scheduled time for this is Wednesday 29th March at 1.30pm.

Christ be our light, in life, love and learning

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Industrial Action by Some Teaching Staff

On Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March as part of the national dispute some teachers will be taking part in further industrial action. Therefore Year 1 and Year 4 will be closed to pupils on those days. Please can I remind you that siblings should be attending school as normal on these two days.

Easter Bingo Thursday 23rd March 2023

'It's nearly eyes down time! We love a good game of bingo here at St Joe's as we know many of you do too! Easter Bingo will take place on Thursday 23rd March 5.30-7.30pm. Alongside this, we will be running a raffle with half of the proceeds going towards Ovarian Cancer Action in memory of Mrs Mead.

Tickets will be 50p a strip and go on sale from Monday 6th March.'

UPDATE: On this day children are permitted to wear no school uniform. If they could bring in a bottle for a bottle tombola, we would appreciate this greatly. This can be shampoo, drink, anything in a bottle!!

Someone Special Day Friday 17th March 2023- Assembly for Foundation Stage

The planned assembly is going ahead at 10.30am for our Early Years families. We look forward to seeing you there.

Someone special day- Afternoon Tea- Friday 17th March 2023- Reminder

Whilst it's Mother's Day on Sunday 19th March, we understand how special you all are so we would like to celebrate 'Someone special day!' On Friday 17th March 2pm, why not allow your child to treat you to afternoon tea?

You will receive a cream scone and tea/coffee and your child will receive a cake and juice. Adult tickets cost £3 which allows 1 adult and 1 child to receive their treat. Additional children can be added to an adult ticket for an additional £1 each (eg. 1 adult, 2 children =£4).

Tickets will be on sale from Monday 6th March until Monday 13th March from Year 3. Please note this will be a ticketed event only to enable us to cater for the correct numbers.'

UPDATE FROM MISS AYTON: This has proven to be so popular that we will have to arrange you into two sittings at 1.30pm and 2.15pm. We will be contacting you in due course regarding these times.

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Feast of St Joseph 2023

As St Joseph's Day is on Sunday 19th March, we will host a special assembly on Monday 20th July at 9am. This will be open to any parents who might be able to stay after drop off.

Parent Governor Election Result March 2023

I am pleased to be able to inform you that Mrs Easby has been voted the new Parent Governor for the school. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Barber for all her contributions to the Governing Body over the past four years.

Stars of the week: Friday 10th March 2023

This week's them has been computing:

- FS1- Parker & Lucas
- FS2- Georgina & Jack
- Y1- Freddie & Athena
- Y2- Connie & Matilda
- Y3- Charley & Abigail
- Y4- Bobby & Emelie
- Y5- Harriet & Mason
- Y6- Joseph & Isabelle

Final Thoughts & Lent Prayers

In this Sunday's Gospel we have a witty dialogue between Jesus and the Samaritan woman drawing water at the well, where each seems to be teasing the other. Water is a sign of life. The 'living water' is the sign of everything that Jesus offers us to satisfy our need of God's love and guidance. With its serious message, this Sunday's Gospel is a lovely example of Jesus' willingness to engage with people just as they are – and that includes us too!

God has no favourites; we are all loved equally by God. The season of Lent presents a great opportunity for everyone to enter afresh into the living and nourishing water of God's love which surpasses any food or drink. Enjoy hearing your child's thoughts about this Sunday's Gospel and God's Love.

Dear Lord Jesus, please help our family to grow in your love and to
share your love with others through the way we live our lives.
Amen

Have a great weekend when it comes.
Mr Geaves

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